

REMARKS**I. Amendments****In the Specification**

A statement describing related patent applications has been added to the specification.

Clarification of the translation of certain phrases in the specification, objected to by the Examiner in the parent case has been made.

In the Claims

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-7, 11, and 22-27 (14 claims total) are pending in this case. The only independent claim is Claim 1.

II. Conclusion

Consideration of the claims as amended above is solicited. Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, she is respectfully requested to call applicants' attorney at (847) 383-3372.

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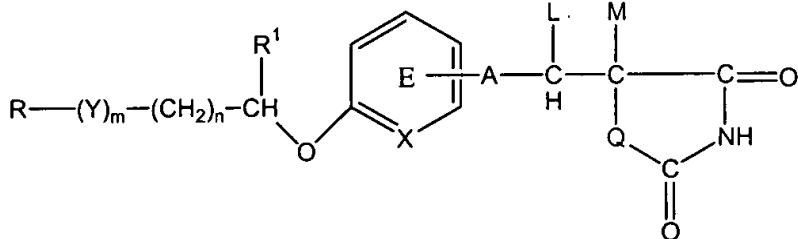
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MARK-UP OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition which comprises an insulin sensitizer in combination with an anorectic] A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with an anorectic.

2. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer is a compound of the formula:



wherein R represents a hydrocarbon group or a heterocyclic group, each of which may be substituted; Y represents a group of the formula: -CO-, -CH(OH)- or -NR³- where R³ represents an alkyl group that may be substituted; m is 0 or 1; n is 0, 1 or 2; X represents CH or N; A represents a chemical bond or a bivalent aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms; Q represents oxygen or sulfur; R¹ represents hydrogen or an alkyl group; ring E may have further 1 to 4 substituents, which may form a ring in combination with R¹; L and M respectively represent hydrogen or may be combined with each other to form a chemical bond; or a salt thereof.

3. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone [hydrochloride], troglitazone, rosiglitazone, [or] 4-[4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyloxazol-4-yl)ethoxy]benzyl]isoxazolidin-3,5-dione, 5-[[6-(2-fluorobenzyl)oxy]-2-naphthyl]methyl]-2,4-thiazolidinedione or their salts.

4. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 2, wherein the compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

5. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 1, wherein the anorectic is a [central anorectic] β -adrenaline receptor agonist.

6. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 5, wherein the [central anorectic] β -adrenaline receptor agonist is mazindol.

7. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride and the anorectic is mazindol.

Cancel Claims 8-10 inclusive

11. (Amended) [A pharmaceutical composition] The method according to claim 2 , wherein the compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof is rosiglitazone or its maleate.

Cancel Claims 12-21 inclusive.

22. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the anorectic is selected from the group consisting of α -adrenaline receptor antagonists, β -adrenaline receptor agonists, dopamine receptor agonists, serotonin receptor agonists, 5-HT agonists, cimetidine and ergoset.

23. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the anorectic is selected from the group consisting of leptin and its analogues; leptin receptor agonists; leptin resistance-improving agents; neuropeptide Y antagonists; cholecystokinin agonists; glucagon-like peptide 1 or its analogues or its agonists; galannin antagonist; glucagon agonists; melanin-concentrating hormone agonists; melanocortin agonists; enterostatin agonists; tripeptidylpeptidase II inhibitors; and corticotropin releasing hormone or its analogues or its agonists.

24. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the anorectic is sibutramine.

25. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone or its salt, and the anorectic is sibutramine.

26. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer and the anorectic are administered to the mammal concomitantly.

27. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the insulin sensitizer and the anorectic are administered to the mammal separately.